

HOUSE No. 5376

By Mr. Trombley of Waltham, petition of Peter G. Trombley that provision be made for a mandatory prison sentence for persons found guilty of breaking and entering dwelling houses. Criminal Justice.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PUNISHMENT FOR BREAKING AND ENTERING A DWELLING HOUSE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 266 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
2 after section 18 the following section: —

3 *Section 18A.* Whoever breaks and enters a dwelling house shall,
4 upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment for not less than
5 one year in a jail or house of correction or not more than ten years
6 in state prison. A person so convicted shall be punished by a
7 mandatory minimum one year term of imprisonment in such jail or
8 house of correction or state prison and this sentence shall not be
9 suspended nor shall such person be placed on probation in lieu of
10 such mandatory term of imprisonment.

